

404 East Ferry Avenue (House)
(Fairview Sanitarium)
Detroit
Wayne County
Michigan

HABS No. MI-312

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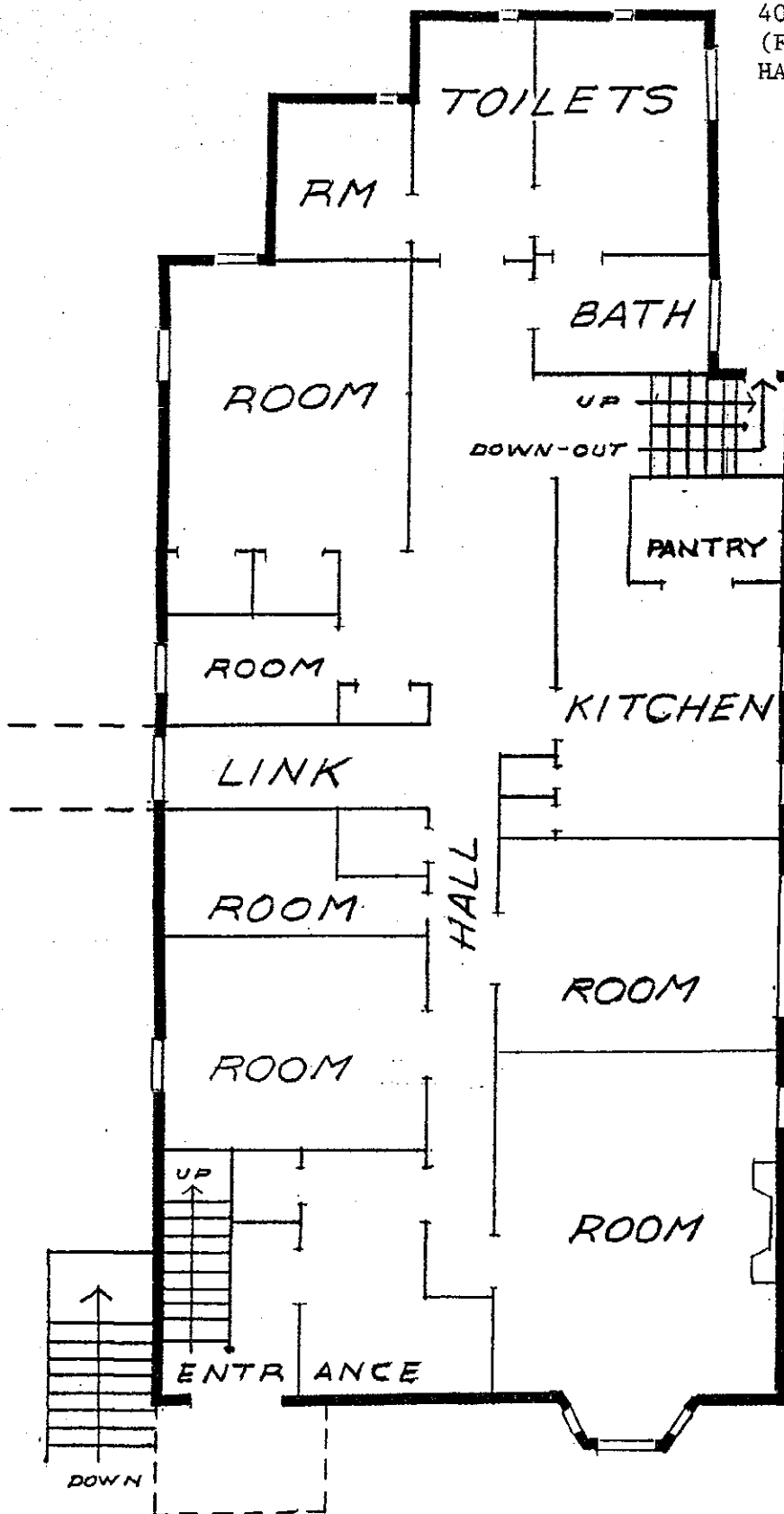
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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19106

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Michigan		COUNTY Wayne	TOWN OR VICINITY Detroit
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 404 East Ferry Avenue (House)			HABS NO. MI-312
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Fairview Sanitarium			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 404 East Ferry Avenue			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1919 - Detroit Bldgs. & Safety Engineering Department		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) In the 1930s Dr. Robert Greenidge, Detroit's first black radiologist, converted the house at 404 East Ferry Avenue into a sanitarium to treat blacks in the city. Greenidge was also a founder of Dunbar Hospital, Detroit's first black hospital. The house is			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) also a contributing element to the East Ferry Avenue Historic District (HABS No. MI-311), a turn-of-the-century, upper class, residential neighborhood.			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick veneer on wood frame			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See attached sketch plan			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE All building facades have gables and dormers. First and second stories have three-sided bays with crenellated parapet walls at the top. Verge boards end in exposed, rounded rafter tails on the eaves.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The narrow, axial front to rear hall is a major alteration to the interior spaces. All rooms open onto this hall including a later addition at the rear which houses bath, utility, and toilet areas.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Flat-roofed, unornamented brick addition built onto rear of building in 1930s when the house was converted to a sanitarium. A passage connecting 404 East Ferry Ave. to the house next door was built at the same time.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Vandalized and in poor condition. Some structural damage. All kitchen, bath, toilet and utility room fixtures have been stolen or destroyed.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Documented by the Community & Economic Development Department, 150 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226 in compliance with Executive Order 11593 and a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Detroit, the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) East Ferry Avenue Historic District final report to the City of Detroit Historic Designation Advisory Board. East Ferry Avenue Local Historic District designation, 7/17/81 and National Register designation 3/10/80.			
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Francis delRosario, Sr. City Planner, Community & Economic Development Department			DATE October 1984



404 EAST FERRY
PLAN OF FIRST FLOOR
18 OCTOBER 1984
1-INCH = 10-FEET (APPROX.)